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Applicant:	SLETTEN ET AL.	Examiner:	R. PRICE
Serial No.:	10/041,927	Group Art Unit:	3643
Filed:	JANUARY 7, 2002	Docket No.:	845.37US01
Title:	COLLAPSIBLE ANIMAL CONTAINER		

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This application was filed in the name of William L. Sletten and Duane M. Smith. Duane M. Smith assigned his rights to USL Products, Inc. and USL Products, Inc. assigned its rights to Miller Manufacturing Company. We represent Miller Manufacturing Company and filed a Revocation and Power of Attorney that was accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a document mailed July 15, 2003.

It is noted that William L. Sletten has not formally assigned this application but Mr. Sletten did assign his rights to a subsequent continuation-in-part application filed in the names of the same two inventors on December 18, 2002, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/322,877. All of the rights in and to the continuation-in-part application are owned by Miller Manufacturing Company.

Regarding the Restriction Requirement, Applicants traverses the rejection on the basis that the claims are all drawn to related subject matter, which could be easily searched and prosecuted at the same time. However, in the event the Restriction Requirement is maintained,



Applicants elect claims 1-22 drawn to the container. I notified Mr. Sletten of our intention to elect claims 1-22 in a letter to him dated August 25, 2003 and I have received no objection from him.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was submitted in this case on August 29, 2003. As noted above, a continuation-in-part application has also been filed. Applicants elect to continue prosecution of claims 1-22.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

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